## **BUSINESS MEN** SAY COLUMBIA IS MODEL CITY

Try to Teach Civic Pride to Students Along With Their University Training.

EVERYONE A BOOSTER

Garden Club Is Responsible for the Beautifully Kept and Decorated Lawns.

Columbia is the best city in Missour ost every person here is a booster

Not only is Columbia a popular city but the name is also popular. There are twenty-eight cities in the United States which use "Columbia" as a part or all of the name. There is one Columbia. Heights, one Columbia Falls, one Colum-bia Center, 1800 Columbiavilles and twee his Center, two Columbias and pop-ty-three plain Columbias. The total pop-ty-three plain Columbias according to the nythree plain Columbias. The total population of all these was, acrording to the 1910 census, 71,374. Just five exceed Columbia, Mo., in population, Columbia, S. C., with a population of 26,319 and Columbia, Pa., with a population of 11,454. Not one excels Columbia, Mo., in quality, according to the general opinion of the citizens here.

R. B. Price, president of the Bosne County National Bank, says that if Columbia is not already, it soon will be, the model city of the West. "I have been here over seventy years and never have I seen brighter prospects for both the rown and University than there are now." gives much credit to the Garden Club for the well kept and beautifully decor ated lawns in Columbia, and says that the beauty of a city is its best advertise

John Bicknell, justice of peace, has this sign on his dosk:

City Tax, total rate......\$1.00
County and State Tax, total rate...... \$2.75

Total \$3.75

One 'cent a day for inestimable advantages: Churches, colleges, schools, hospitals, sidewalks, paved streets, sewers, pure water and the best people on earth!

The 10 cents extra for the year is for The 10 cents extra for the year is for war tax, according to Judge Bicknell.

In speaking of the desirabilities of Columbia as a living place Judge Bicknell said, "A man once left here and went to Heaven but after looking around for while he became homesick and asked to be sent back to Columbia." When asked if he had ever heard of those who want to the Other Place he said that reconstruction to the Other Place he said that reconstruction. went to the Other Place he said that no one from Columbia ever went there.

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North Todd Genry, attorney, in describing flui city said, "Columbia is and always has been a city of schools. Educational interests here have always been looked after."

E. C. Scott of the Scott Boothers' Book Shop also thinks Columbia is a fine city. "Columbia is a young people's town." he "Columbia is a young people's town," he said, "and is a town of quality. Where said, "and is a town of quality. Where I came from the town was filled with old people who did not care for quality in what they bought and whose talk never included much besides the weather. I can see a world of difference here."

C. A. Raum, manager of the Western Union, says that Columbia is a "good substantial town."

J. W. Sapp, country assessor, spoke of Columbia as "above the seerage."

C. B. Miller when asked if Columbia is a model city said, "Well, it may not be a model but we are trying out best to

a model but we are trying our best to make it one. The students who come here should receive some instruction in pride along with their university We people of Columbia try to give them that instruction unconsciously by making this city better than any oth-er in the state. When the students leave here they will try to improve the fowns to which they go. Four years' residence in Columbia, cannot but make a person interested in civic improvement.

W. G. Stephenson of the New York

Life Insurance Company says that thir teen years ago he came bete on business and was so struck with Columbia that he went home at once and moved here to make this his perrament home. "I have traveled in twenty-six states and have lived in four," as said, "and never have I soon a more desirable place to live than

Frank W. Leonard, manager of the Daniel Boone Tavern, when asked his opinion of Columbia said, "It is the best town of its size that I know of Traveling men say that they intend to con here oftener and tourists all plan to stay longer the next time they come through

essed the opinion of most people when said. Columbia is a town of homes. People keep moving in here to educate their children and moving out to make room for more. There is a certain progressive spirit here caused by this inter-est in homes. There is not a more heautiful city any where. The lawns are kept in the best of condition and many are decorated with flower beds. I know that Columbia is the best city of its size any

ent hotel accommodations here and said that a traveling man told him that the hotel service and accommodations here ompared very favorably with those of

Chicago and other large cities.
Of all the men who were asked for their opinions of Columbia not a one was a knocker. The people here realize the advantages of Columbia and while they listen with interest to what strangers may say about the city they are not without that deep appreciation which is for tered by civic pride.

